

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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REMARKS

In formal compliance with the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-8 and 16-18.

Regarding the traversal, Applicants believe that the subject matter of all of the claims should be examined together, and that there is no need for a divisional application. In this regard, Applicants believe claims 9-15 have been designated as a separate group because they do not include the wording "with no sequence determination needed." Such language has been added to these claims, and, thus, they are believed properly examined with the remaining claims. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement. An early notice that the restriction requirement has been reconsidered and withdrawn is, thus, earnestly solicited.

Support for the amendment to claims 9-15 can be found in the very first paragraph of the specification, and specifically the teaching there of that the methods of the invention can be performed "without the need for a determination of the sequence position of the differing site." Applicants do not believe the amendments to claims 9-15 introduce new matter. An early notice to that effect is also earnestly solicited.

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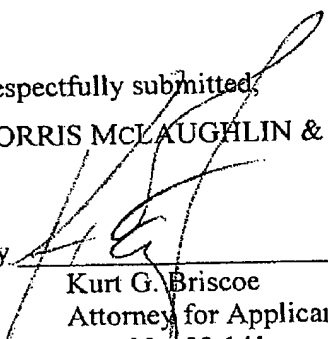
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Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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